RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government thought that it was necessary to appoint a special prosecutor and so he was appointed.

MR. K. PADMANAHHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether there are not Sirkar Vakils at Alleppey?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There are.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know why this case was not entrusted to those Sirkar Vakils.

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): This is not a novel procedure. There were occasions in the past when special prosecutors were appointed. Following that precedent Government appointed a special prosecutor in this case also.

The Compensation for Improvements Bill.

128 ❋ **MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE** (*Muvattupuzha II*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of memorials and resolutions received by them and the protest meetings held by the public of Travancore protesting against the passing of the Compensation for Improvements Bill into Law?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Seven telegrams and resolutions passed at seventeen meetings have been received.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): May I know whether any action was taken on those representations?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They are all with the Government. The Bill, as honourable members know, is before the Upper House and Government do not think that any action is necessary until they see in what form it emerges from the Upper House.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know the localities from which the telegrams and memorials were received by Government?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There is a large number from various places. Most of them are from Central and North Travancore.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I ask whether these memorials have been engineered by a few and whether all the meetings have been held under the presidency of the same individual?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

Legislation for reduction of rate of interest.

129. ❋**MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON** (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have in contemplation any legislation to reduce the rate of interest to 6 per cent. as a relief to the ryots and other classes of people of the country?

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